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SUBJECT: CODEL POTTER: Trip to Europe of Senator Charles E. Potter and Mrs. Potter.

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AMSTERDAM, BASEL, BERN, BONN, BRUSSELS, COPENHAGEN, FRANKFORT,
GENEVA, LEHAVRE, LUXEMBOURG, MUNICH, PARIS, STOCKHOLM, ZURICH.
THE HAGUE, ROTTERDAM,

Senator Charles E. Potter (R., Mich.), accompanied by Mrs. Potter, will depart for Europe on July 7 aboard the S. S. "AMERICA" and return to the United States from LeHavre on August 8 aboard the S. S. "AMERICA." The Senator will attend ceremonies being arranged by the American Battle Monuments Commission, to be held at St. Laurent, St. James, and Epinal, France, and he will study matters coming within the purview of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, including foreign trade and maritime matters. The Senator is also a member of the Appropriations Committee.

The Senate Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce has authorized Senator Potter to utilize funds in the Congressional Travel Account (No. 19FT561) to defray his official travel expenses. His (and Mrs. Potter's) steamship and airline tickets are being purchased in Washington. All air reservations have been requested; it is suggested that posts check on confirmations.* For the portion of the trip beginning July 18 in Paris until departure from Amsterdam for Munich on July 31, it is requested that American Embassy, Paris, rent a car, with chauffeur, for Senator and Mrs. Potter, the expense to be covered from currencies in Account 19FT561. The American Consulate General, Munich, is requested to hire a car, with chauffeur, for Senator and Mrs. Potter for their use from the time they arrive in Munich on July 31 until they arrive in Paris on Aug 6, to be covered also from currencies in Account 19FT561.

The American Battle Monuments Commission is arranging hotel reservations at St. Laurent, St. James, and Epinal. American Embassy, Paris, is requested to coordinate with General North of the Commission's Paris office. All other hotel reservations are to be made by appropriate posts; Paris should make the reservations at Verdun, Luxembourg the reservations at Diekirch, Frankfurt the reservations at Aachen, and Zurich the reservations at Interlaken, inasmuch as travel from Munich to Interlaken will probably be via Zurich, with a stop-over there. It is uncertain at this date whether the trip by car from Munich to Interlaken will be made in one day, or whether there will be a stop-over in Zurich for the night of August 1. It is suggested that tentative reservations be made at Zurich for August 1 and at Interlaken beginning August 2.

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* = Air reservations now confirmed.

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The American Embassy, Stockholm, is requested to make arrangements for Senator Potter to inspect shipyards there. He will very probably wish to visit shipyards in The Netherlands also, but posts need make no advance arrangements in this regard as the Senator has made some arrangements himself with shipyard representatives.

Provisions of the Handbook for Congressional Foreign Travel apply. Meet on all arrivals, expedite customs clearances, keep onward posts and the Department informed of changes in itinerary, and assist as required.

For your information, Senator Potter was an officer with the Twenty-Eighth Infantry Division in Europe during World War II. He was seriously wounded at Colmar, France, January 31, 1945, resulting in the loss of his lower limbs. He uses crutches and gets around quite well, although he does avoid long walks and high stairs. He can board and descend from planes with the usual equipment, therefore no special arrangements need be made for him in this connection.

Senator Potter desires that social activities be kept to a minimum, especially avoiding large formal functions.

It is requested that all posts have available for Senator's use local currencies from Account 19FT561. At Zurich he will wish to draw such currencies for use until arrival in Geneva.

The itinerary is as follows, with/hotel preferences listed.

July 7	Noon	Lv	New York	S. S. "AMERICA"
14	a.m.	Ar	LeHavre	
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14		Ar	Paris	
14	4:30 pm	Lv	Paris	SAS Flt #566
14	9:20 pm	Ar	Stockholm	
17	12:05 pm	Lv	Stockholm	SAS Flt #405
17	2:05 pm	Ar	Copenhagen	
18	10:40 am	Lv	Copenhagen	SAS Flt #565
18	1:30 pm	Ar	Paris	(Obtain car with chauffeur)
18 or 19		Lv	Paris for St. Laurent; 20th arrive St. James, 23rd arrive Epinal.	
23		Lv	Epinal for Verdun	
24		Lv	Verdun for Diekirch, Luxembourg	
25		Lv	Diekirch for Aachen	
26		Lv	Aachen for Brussels	
28		Lv	Brussels for Amsterdam (Side trips to Antwerp and Rotterdam on 28th and 29th, returning to Amsterdam for nights.)	
31	10:25 am	Lv	Amsterdam	KLM Flt #249
31	1:20 pm	Ar	Munich	

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August	1		Lv Munich	By auto
	1		Ar Zurich	
	2		Lv Zurich	
	2		Ar Interlaken	
	5		Lv Interlaken	
	5		Ar Geneva	Beau Rivage or Richmond
	6	1:45 pm	Lv Geneva	Swissair Flt #1146
	6	3:15 pm	Ar Paris	Mits or Continental
	7	pm	Lv Paris	Boat train
	7	pm	Ar LeHavre	
	8	am	Lv LeHavre	S. S. AMERICA
	14	am	Ar New York	

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